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ORGANIZATION OF COVER FOR "JOSE" AND "REMBRANDT" (1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

No. 472

5 June 44

To VIKTOR. [1]

1. ANTON [ii] proposes organizing cover for JOSE [khoze] [iii] in the form of a workshop for retreading tyres, for which three thousand pesos will be required. We think we should go ahead with this because his despatch to CUBA is very problematical and would cost us more. [3 groups unrecovered] about the journey across [Q. KAKEM] [iv] said that for the most part this [1 group unrecovered] was better.

2. Please authorize also the payment of 25 [8 groups unrecoverable] [a] .....BRANDT [v] for organizing cover in the form of an artist's studio for shop window dressing. This business promises to be successful here, particularly as REMBRANDT is a fine artist.

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YURLJ [vi] [b]

- Notes: [a] While it is not possible to be certain what these 8 groups contain, there are good indications that they should read: "...00 repeat 2500 pesos to "REM..."
- [b] There follows a service postscript signed by SERAEN, cover-name of the MGB cipher clerk in MEXICO CITY.

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Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.  
[ii] ANTON : Unidentified  
[iii] JOSÉ : Unidentified cover-name.  
[iv] MAKSIM : Vasilij ZUBILIN, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet  
Embassy in WASHINGTON.  
[v] REMBRANDT : Jose SANCHA PADROS.  
[vi] YURLIJ : Lev. A. TARASOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet  
Embassy in MEXICO CITY.

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